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Spring 2021



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A Message from the Board of Supervisors



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Dear Citizens:

Spring is here and many of us are more excited for this season than ever before. We have endured a lot over the last year specific to the global Coronavirus pandemic. As a community we are so grateful for our frontline and essential employees. It is their hard work and dedication that has sustained our community throughout the past year. As a local government, we have had to navigate a continuously changing landscape and adapt to much that was outside of our control. It seems like we have finally turned a corner with the pandemic and with warm weather and sunshine comes hope and growth.

Hope. While we agree that the initial roll out of vaccines to the public was challenging, we feel that Culpeper County has done an excellent job at continuously improving the distribution process. Our local EMS providers have pitched in to assist the Virginia Department of Health and the Culpeper Medical Center in this effort. Our regional vaccine clinics have reached a significant percentage of the phase 1a and 1b portions of our population. More than 80% of Culpeper County school staff are vaccinated. With precaution, more activities are being re-established and taking place.

Growth. The Board is moving forward on new initiatives and some that were put on hold this time last year. We know that the closing announcements of several businesses that catered to children and families have caused concern in the community. We are moving forward with plans that include greatly increased recreational offerings to our community. As our population grows, so does our need for activities that support our residents. Our newest high school is set to open this fall. Focusing on career and technical education, this new school is a source of pride for us. It represents our goal to continuously improve, innovate, and cultivate opportunities in Culpeper County. Internet infrastructure is another area we hope to grow in the very near future. Culpeper staff have pursued opportunities for many years that would increase internet availability to our rural residents and it seems we are finally starting to see progress resulting in real solutions respective to these endeavors.

The future holds unlimited potential for Culpeper County because of the people who care about it. While things have changed and will continue to change, know that we are working every day to make Culpeper County the best place to work, live, and play.

For the Board,

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10 a.m. General County Business
7 p.m. Public Forum
Planning Business
Public Hearings

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www.culpepercounty.gov

Video coverage on Channel 10



Save Money with Soil Testing to Improve Your Lawn



Caring for the environment also means caring for your lawn. By using proper mowing and maintenance practices, you can enjoy a healthy, beautiful lawn while protecting local streams, rivers and lakes.

Our homes contain impervious surfaces (rooftop, patio, and driveway) that can't absorb and filter rainfall. This adds more runoff to your lawn and the underlying soil characteristics of the lawn can affect how well the lawn absorbs and filters the impervious runoff. Soil compaction, low pH (e.g. acidic soils) and low nutrients can impact how well your lawn grows. If these issues are not addressed, excess fertilizer will not improve your lawn and is not retained in the landscape. It can contribute to harmful algal blooms and other water quality problems.

Beyond that, what is lawn care? It's not just seeding, watering and mowing. Aerating and amending the soil also improves soil structure, drainage and nutrient uptake. Balancing the soil pH so fertilizers are useful is always your best option. Managing clippings and leaves are all part of lawn care too. Returning these improve the soil and vegetation. How we care for our lawn determines the degree of the environmental benefits and impacts we achieve.

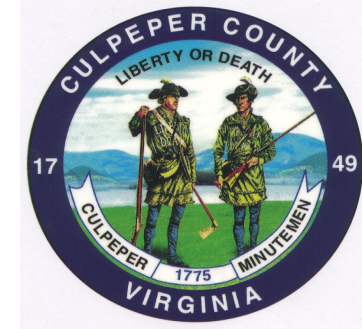
Healthy lawns can help prevent erosion, reduce runoff, and filter rainwater. A healthy lawn has uniform and mature vegetation that inhibits erosion and retains nutrients. A healthy lawn can capture over an inch of rain; trap dust and dirt; convert carbon dioxide to oxygen; and reduce the heat island effect with air temperatures up to 30 degrees cooler than pavement.

A sparse lawn with bare soil needs improvement either by amending the soil or selecting different landscape plants.

The soil should be tested every three years. A composite soil sample of the whole yard is collected. A soil test includes information on the amount of nutrients, organic matter and pH level. The proper balance is essential to a healthy lawn. Additional assessments of patchy bare spots could be done to verify foot traffic, recent disturbance, disease or standing water.

The Culpeper Soil and Water Conservation District is working with your local Extension agent to make sure homeowners like yourself have the knowledge and resources to do your part. ***The District is offering a voucher to cover the cost of the soil test***, while funding is available). The results come with specific recommendations that we help you to understand. For these vouchers please contact the District at 540-825-8591 or stephanieD@culpeperswcd.org. For more information on lawn care see the Virginia Extension Publication list: https://www.pubs.ext.vt.edu/tags.resource.html?tag=pubs_ext_vt_edu:lawns.

As always, Culpeper Soil and Water Conservation District is available with cost share for agricultural producers, technical assistance for all residents, hands on classroom/Zoom programs and rain barrels! Contact Stephanie DeNicola at stephanied@culpeperswcd.org or 540-825-8591 for more information.



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It is designed to present and provide information about events and services offered to those who live in Culpeper.

Email dhoffman@culpepercounty.gov with comments and suggestions.

Culpeper County Volunteer Fire and Rescue Association

On January 23, 2021, **The Brandy Station Volunteer Fire Department** honored the life of lifetime member, **David “Sambo” Brown**, who passed away peacefully with his family by his side on January 17, 2021. Driving him to his final resting place, was his son Chris Brown, driving an antique BVFD pumper. One that Sambo once drove himself, many years ago.

It was truly humbling to see the neighboring departments show their respect to such a dedicated member. Processing behind Sambo were, of course, multiple units from Brandy Station Volunteer Fire Department, Culpeper Volunteer Fire Department, Richardsville Volunteer Fire & Rescue, Rapidan Volunteer Fire & Rescue, Remington Volunteer Fire & Rescue. During the funeral service, personnel from Fairfax County Fire & Rescue, and Reva Volunteer Fire & Rescue attended to the calls in the Brandy Station area.



Fire departments are much more than an organization, you do not just gain friendships, you gain family. Sambo cherished his family at the Brandy Station Vol. Fire Department. Sambo joined the department in February 1963. He held many positions in his 58 years as a volunteer, such as, Chief, Assistant Chief, President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and a Member of the Board of Directors. He was not just a member, he was a mentor, a positive role model and a devoted friend.

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He was a simple, but proud man, as he should be. Not only was Sambo a member of BVFD, but his traits were bestowed onto his wife Arline, and daughter Kelly Kern, who are members of the Brandy Station Fire Department Auxiliary. His son Chris Brown, who just like his father, also has held many positions within the Department, including Chief. If you combine all their years of service to the Brandy Station Volunteer Fire Department, they have dedicated 179 years to our community. Dedication is key for a volunteer organization to be successful, and the Brown Family exemplifies the commitment they have to Brandy Station and Culpeper County.



Sambo served the Brandy Station Fire Department with honor and pride. It takes a special person to devote his time and never ask for anything in return. He joined the BVFD family in 1963 and dove in with his heart and dedication. With that many years in an organization he has had many roles to complete; friend, leader, mentor and confidant.



Sambo had the ability to brighten anyone's day with just a few little words and a smile. Always there to lend a helping hand or an ear, Sambo would give the shirt off his back to anybody. He never met a stranger and touched the lives of many. Nobody loved life more than Sambo. He and lifelong friend, Tony Troilo were famous for dancing the "Brandy Shuffle". A dance that was titled after realizing it is only a jig that shorter men can accomplish.

If we could all be half the man Sambo was, the world would be a much better place.





NOW ARRIVING IN 2021 ...

Virginia Regional Transit (VRT) manages the Culpeper Trolleys, County Express, and ADA buses.

During the pandemic, VRT has provided service without interruption.

THANK YOU to the community for your continued support.

COMING SOON IN 2021:

VRT will install an interactive tablet inside all trolleys and buses to allow drivers real-time information, navigational directions, and an ability to report service completeness.

These enhancements will assist VRT in scheduling passenger who use the Culpeper ADA and On-demand programs.

VRT is also installing GPS tracking devices on trolleys and buses which will let riders and drivers know where the bus is and when to expect its arrival!



NEW

⇒ Stops
⇒ Signs
⇒ Routes
⇒ timetables

Look for this NEW sign around Culpeper!

KUDOS TO DRIVERS!

"SHINE-ON"

Recognizes staff for their hard work, efforts, and determination.

THANK YOU!



Need more information about public transportation in Culpeper?

Call **(540) 825-2456.**

NEED A RIDE?

Did you know there are many easy to use and affordable Public Transportation options available for everyone to use right here in Culpeper?

We can get you where you need to go.

Come take a ride with us!



Culpeper Trolleys
Monday thru Friday :
7:00 AM—6:20 PM
Saturdays :
8:20 AM —2:20 PM.



Your safety is our priority.

- ♦ Driver shields have now been installed in ALL buses.
- ♦ Masks are required by all passengers and drivers.
- ♦ During the pandemic, VRT has provided service without interruption.

We are so thankful to the community for your continued support.



Culpeper County Express Bus
 On-Demand Service from the County to Town of Culpeper.

Need to travel between Orange and Culpeper?

The **Orange-Culpeper Connector Service** runs
Monday thru Friday from **7:30 AM—5:00 PM.**

Need to travel to between Culpeper and Dulles?

Try the **Piedmont Express**

VRT provides daily service from Target in Culpeper to the Brandy Station Park & Ride where you will connect to the Northbound bus or Southbound bus.

For further details and information, log onto:
virginiabreeze.org.

Need more information, call (540) 825-2456.

Disability?

Schedule the Town of Culpeper
ADA bus

24-hours in advance for a
 door-to-door ride.

Need to travel to between Culpeper and Charlottesville?

Try the new **Foothills Express Route.**

Travel to Charlottesville on T/W/F
 with stops along the way in
 Madison.



THE BRANDY STATION FOUNDATION

The Brandy Station Foundation (BSF) is a non-profit 501(c)(3) all-volunteer community organization dedicated to preserving the natural and historic resources of the Brandy Station area of Culpeper County. While our focus is toward the Civil War history of the Brandy Station vicinity, our efforts are not limited to that time period or by any geographic boundaries. The BSF relies on tax-deductible donations and volunteers to meet its goals. The website is www.brandystationfoundation.com.

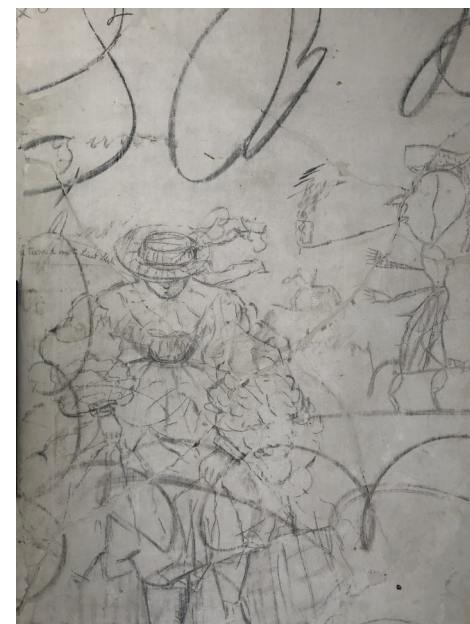
There is good news on the effort to establish a state park in Culpeper County. In 2020, the Virginia General Assembly authorized the Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation to study a state park in Culpeper County and report back to the legislature by October 2021. The Friends of Culpeper Battlefields coalition will continue to advocate for a state park. The Friends group includes the Brandy Station Foundation, the American Battlefield Trust, the Friends of Cedar Mountain Battlefield, the Museum of Culpeper History, the Piedmont Environmental Council, and the Culpeper Department of Tourism. A state park would provide the Commonwealth with a unique opportunity to showcase our shared history, increase tourism, and promote outdoor recreation in a region currently underserved by the Virginia state park system.



The Graffiti House

GRAFFITI HOUSE TOURS

The Brandy Station Foundation operates the Graffiti House, 19484 Brandy Rd., Brandy Station, which contains Civil War graffiti and a museum. The Graffiti House is a two-story frame structure built in 1858. We like to say that its walls “talk”; they contain inscriptions, drawings, messages, and signatures of both Union and Confederate soldiers, hence the name “Graffiti House.” Because of the coronavirus, the Graffiti House is open only by appointment. Weekday and weekend tours between 11am and 4pm may be scheduled. Please contact our volunteer coordinator, Bob Gilbert, at 716-939-7612 to schedule a tour. Please have a couple of dates that would work for you. Group size is limited to four and masks are required. Admission is free, but donations are welcome.



‘The Dancing Lady’ graffiti on the wall of The Graffiti House

Raffle tickets for a 24x30 framed and matted Don Troiani print, BRANDY STATION REVIEW, signed #606/1150 are being sold to benefit the Brandy Station Foundation. The drawing is on April 16, 2021 and the winner does not need to be present at the drawing. Raffle tickets cost \$5.00 for one, \$20.00 for five. Please send checks made out to Brandy Station Foundation and indicate your address and number of tickets requested to Brandy Station Foundation, PO Box 165, Brandy Station, VA 22714. Your raffle ticket stubs will be mailed to you. Print donated by Patrick L. Lydon of Culpeper. Framing thanks to Village Frameworks and Gallery, Culpeper.

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

Please continue to check the Brandy Station Foundation website for upcoming activities.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

To volunteer or for more information please check the Volunteer tab on the Brandy Station Foundation website.



Culpeper County Library

FOR UP-TO-DATE INFORMATION REGARDING LIBRARY PROGRAMS & EVENTS,
PLEASE VISIT OUR WEBSITE AT WWW.CCLVA.ORG OR OUR FACEBOOK PAGE



**NATIONAL
LIBRARY
WEEK**
APRIL 4-10 2021

"Libraries show us anything is possible by encouraging a love of learning, discovery and exploration."
NATALIE PORTMAN,
National Library Week Honorary Chair

Culpeper County Library has something for everyone! During #NationalLibraryWeek, visit Culpeper County Library online or in person to find everything from audiobooks and virtual storytimes to new technology and resumé help.

WELCOME TO YOUR LIBRARY



FREE WIFI AVAILABLE

VISIT THESE LOCATIONS TO ENJOY FREE WIFI

LENN PARK PAVILLION

CULPEPER SPORTS
COMPLEX - FOOTBALL
CONCESSION STAND

RICHARDSVILLE VOLUNTEER
FIRE DEPARTMENT

YEAR IN REVIEW

CULPEPER COUNTY LIBRARY
2020



81,683

VISITORS TO THE LIBRARY



4,150

CRAFT KITS
HANDLED OUT



4,770

PROGRAM
ATTENDANCE

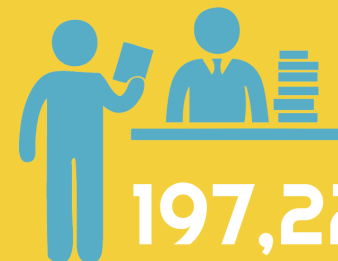


48,354

ACTIVE CARD
HOLDERS

1,141

NEW CARD
HOLDERS



197,224

ITEMS CHECKED OUT



23,404

E-BOOKS
CHECKED OUT



24,711

QUESTIONS
ANSWERED

1,380

VOLUNTEER HOURS



52K

WIFI USERS



2,454

FACEBOOK
FOLLOWERS



296,708

WEBSITE VISITS



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& magazines, all in one app!



Libby.

The one-tap reading app from our library

The Library of Virginia's eMagazine collection now gives Culpeper County Library users access to over 3,000 magazine titles. Simply use your Libby and Overdrive apps for instant reading!

Just select "What's Available," then "Available Magazines" to start reading.

For assistance with your device, visit our website at cclva.org and click the eBooks, eMagazines, & eAudiobooks link.

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LIBRARY
FRIENDS

WE SUPPORT THE
LIBRARY THROUGH
SPONSORSHIP
OF THE SUMMER
READING PROGRAM,
BOOK CLUB GROUPS,
SPECIAL EVENTS,
AND SO MUCH
MORE!

RENEW YOUR
MEMBERSHIP OR
BECOME INVOLVED
TODAY!

CONTACT GREGG GRUNOW AT
[GGRUNOW@CCLVA.ORG](mailto:ggrunow@cclva.org) OR CALL 825.8691.
PICK UP A MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION TODAY
AT THE CIRCULATION DESK.

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LIBRARY OF VIRGINIA

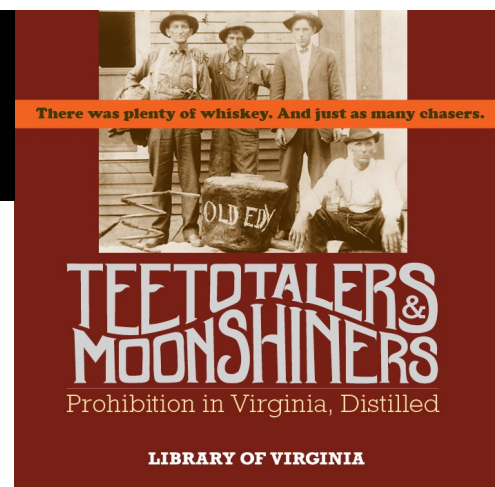
Traveling Poster Exhibition

May 17 - June 26

Virginians imbibed their last legal drink on Halloween night in 1916—more than three years before national prohibition was enacted. For the next 18 years, the state became a laboratory for a grand social experiment that ultimately left many Virginians with a serious hangover—and eventually led to repeal.

*Teetotalers & Moonshiners:
Prohibition in Virginia,
Distilled* will be on display
at Culpeper County Library
from **May 17 to June 26.**

This program is brought to you by
the Library of Virginia.



**Virginia Alcoholic Beverage
Control Authority**





YOUTH SERVICES

The Culpeper County Library Youth Services Team is committed to providing programs that fit the needs of the community. We look forward to serving you and your families.

Monthly Big Family Zoom Nights complete with stories, songs, skits, dancing, and more! Join our wonderful Youth Services Team and other families for laughs and fun!

Friday Night Teen Events are inclusive and free for all teens (grades 6-12). These programs are created by our teen Library friends with special events like Kahoot! trivia, music, and games. There are even self-improvement sessions to help you be a better you.

Try our Pick-Up Crafts or STEAM kits! Available on a first-come, first-served basis every two weeks! FREE! One per child/teen. How-to videos are on our YouTube channel.

CALL, STOP BY, OR VISIT OUR FACEBOOK PAGE TO SIGN UP.
540-825-8691 | [WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/CULPEPERCOLIB](https://www.facebook.com/culpepercolib)





Genealogy Discussion Group Virtual Meetups

The Culpeper County Library offers several online databases for genealogical and local history research.

Join Local History Specialist Julie Bushong for a look at these unique resources on Zoom sessions for an insight into getting the best research results:

Heritage Quest

Wednesday, March 31 at 11 a.m.

This database provides a wealth of genealogical sources.

We'll explore the U.S. Census and take a look at Heritage Quest's vast book database.



FOLD3

Wednesday, April 14 at 11 a.m.

The place to search for military records from the U.S. and from overseas. We'll do some sample searches and see what this collection has to offer.



Sanborn Maps

Wednesday, May 5 at 11 a.m.

*For more details and to register, visit our Facebook page
or call Culpeper County Library at 540-825-8691.*

***Have you checked out our Local History Room?
Search for your roots and our history right here at
Culpeper County Library.***

***Reservations are required to use the room.
Hours of operation are temporarily 11:00am - 4:00pm
to allow for cleaning and disinfection.***

See the Information Desk for details and scheduling.

Genealogy Research Tips

1. **List what you already know** - start an ancestral chart or family tree
2. **Interview relatives** - keep detailed notes and link to the family tree
3. **Get death records** - death certificates, obituaries, etc. Then...
4. **Follow death-record clues** - time/place of death lead to birth, marriage, other records
5. **Search census records** - learn where ancestors lived. Then...
6. **Search local sources** - newspapers, local histories, property (land) maps, court and church records, tax lists, wills, etc.
7. **...and don't forget** - family histories, immigration records, ship passenger lists, military records, etc. are great resources.



Kids in the News



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Call 540-829-2124 for the
most up-to-date information
Plus Check out Kid Central on
Facebook for Important Updates

Why Kid Central?

- Flexible
- Homework Club
- Affordable
- Open when School is Closed
- Tuition Assistance
- Quality Childcare Since 1990
- State Licensed
- Located at All Culpeper Elementary Schools
- Award Winning
- Middle School KC Club
- Culpeper Sport and Fitness Partnership
- Summer Camp



Three Decades of Fun and Service

For three decades Kid Central has served the needs of Culpeper County's working parents and their children by providing fun, safe, creative, and affordable before and after school childcare. It was all fun and games until last year. During the COVID-19 crisis Kid Central's role refocused on how it could serve the community during the pandemic. Kid Central quickly mobilized and transformed into a key critical infrastructure childcare provider and a center for distributing food for Culpeper County's children and families. During the summer Kid Central was innovative in its commitment to safety as it conducted a summer day camp for a reduced number of children stretched from June-August. Kid Central showed that childcare and school attendance can be done safely. Throughout the current school year CCPS and Kid Central partnered to permit childcare within the system under COVID guidelines. Throughout the COVID-19 crisis Kid Central worked hard to keep child, staff, and families healthy. The leadership and staff of Kid Central have always put community service first and we will continue to serve until we emerge from this crisis. This year has been particularly challenging and at times quite frightening for families. Kid Central is a partner within the community that can and will be counted on in the toughest of times. The fun and games continue, in fact, we needed them in 2020 more than ever. As we reflect on 30-years of service to Culpeper families we will most certainly never forget 2020. Kid Central was designed and created to serve working parents and to offer high quality care at an affordable cost. Thanks for the memories!





**Windmore is pleased to present
a Fine Arts Summer Camp
June 2021**



The Summer Camp will encompass all of the Fine Arts! We have implemented special cleaning and procedures due to COVID, so we can offer 2 one-week sessions of the camp. Children ages 5 through 17 will be introduced to:

- Story-telling workshops.
- Music theory and different ways of making music.
- Theater roles including behind the scenes and acting in the spot light.
- Visual art classes
- Arts and crafts projects.
- Free time where the kids can relax and play.
- Guided time in the State Climb Area.

We would appreciate having local teachers volunteer to help with this event. For dates and other information email:

summercamp@windmorefoundation.org
Updated information will be available on
www.windmorefoundation.org

Windmore Foundation would like to thank **Northern Piedmont Community Foundation** and **Culpeper County** for their continued support of this and many other events presented by our organization.

Spotlight on our Board Treasurer



Roy Carter has been a member of Windmore for many years. This is his second three-year term as treasurer of the Board of Directors. Carter takes care of all the record keeping, sends information to the Board of Directors, and helps with reports for grants. He attends all events, assists with ticket sales, and will help with all chores. Contact [treasurer @windmorefoundation.org](mailto:treasurer@windmorefoundation.org).

Windmore's Pen-to-Paper



Meetings are the first Tuesday of the month from 10 am to noon and 5 pm to 7 pm. All ages and abilities are welcome. We also offer classes for writers. For more information email: info@windmorefoundation.org.

Windmore Foundation Scholarship

Graduating seniors who will be majoring in the fine arts in college can apply. Deadline is April 8, 2021. Applications are available at www.windmorefoundation.org

**Windmore's
Piedmont Community Band**



Be on the look-out for videos and activities featuring the band and its members. We will be coming to you virtually and we hope that we will be performing in person before the end of the year. "Optimistic" will be our word for 2021. Join us from your homes or in-person when we finally can perform outdoors or inside when we beat this pandemic. If you play an instrument join us in some of these projects. If you know someone who would like to be the conductor of the band, please let us know.

Email: PCB@windmorefoundation.org.

Windmore StageWorks Program

Check Windmore's website for information on auditions for a murder mystery dinner theatre and *Singin' in the Rain, Jr.* by Comden & Green. We will also be expanding our offerings with workshops including how to audition, and acting for the camera.

stageworks@windmorefoundation.org

**Mural Project
And Scavenger Hunt**

Windmore is partnering with Culpeper Renaissance; K Art and design; Express Printing; and Brian Lamb, owner of Skin Touch Therapy, to have a **mural** on the wall of 254 E. Davis St. The project will start in the spring. Windmore will also partner with Culpeper Youth and Culpeper County for "**Mice on Main,**" a **scavenger hunt** to locate seven bronze mice hidden in buildings on Main St.

Visit: www.windmorefoundation.org